DOMINATED BY WOMEN.

A Welsh Town Where the Feminine Sex Reigns Supreme.

Away in a sequestered little nook on the Pembrokeshire coast there is a village entirely managed by women. In Langum—for such is the hamlet's name—woman reigns supreme. She is the dominating force of the mart of trade, the household financier, the family accountant, and, in fact, fills all the positions which in any other community, whether civilized or not, are by established precedent voted to man.

Langum has a race apart from the world in its laws in its exclusion of the stranger and in its utter disregard of the vast area of world and things lying beyond its borders. Its quiet life is dominated by two all powerful factors—womankind and oysters. There are men in Langum, but they exert little or no influence upon the affairs of the quiet little Welsh village.

The Langum man neither is nor pretends to be. He recognizes the right of womankind to own and rule and is perfectly satisfied to be described as Annie Jones' man or Mary Williams' man.

He neither requires nor appreciates compassion. Sitting of an evening at his cottage door, with his faithful brood playing around him, his wife and daughter busy within reckoning the gains of the day's work, he is vexed by no mental anxieties or perplexities. Divested of all responsibilities of life, he is as pleased as the oyster for which his native place is famed.—London Answers.

The Short Step Between.

"I was on an ocean liner when she ran on the rocks off the English coast some years ago," said a Philadelphia traveling man, "and in the panic that ensued there is one incident that stands out in my memory, illustrating the slender thread between the tragic and the ridiculous. We had a fellow on board who had managed to keep pretty well loaded all the way across, and when we struck the rocks he was in his usual condition. When everybody thought for sure we were going to the bottom, he sat down at the piano in the saloon, and what do you suppose he began playing? 'Home, Sweet Home.' Somebody went to him and begged him to stop. Immediately he switched off from the doleful strains of the old song to the rollicking melody of 'Down Went McGinty.' The absurdity of the thing seemed to strike everybody at once, and a general laugh followed. The tension was relieved, and there was good order after that."—Philadelphia Record.

Antidyspepsia Diet.

"Dyspepsia would no longer be the national disease in America if the people of this country would adopt a plain diet similar to that of Norway and Sweden. Gout is unknown among Swedes and Norwegians, and the rosy cheeks and clear complexions of the young people of those countries are the result of the simple food the children eat," the United States consul at Bergen, Norway, says. "Hot rolls and white bread are rarely seen in Sweden. Knackbrode or hard bread is the standard article of food. It is made of ground oats and rye. There is no yeast in the bread, and it is rolled into thin wafers, which are baked and hung up where they will keep perfectly dry. Swedes eat this bread and drink milk for two meals a day and have one meal at which they eat meat and potatoes. Sweets are almost unknown. Children are allowed to eat candy only on state occasions."

Why She Wanted an Introduction.

"I must have an introduction to that woman."

"Why, yes; certainly," replied her friend, and at once brought it about. Later she asked:

"What made you so keen about meeting Mrs. S.? You gazed at her as intently as if you could not take your eyes from her while you were talking. I never found her so interesting."

"Oh, I don't know whether she is interesting, but didn't you see that lovely tie she wore? I just had to find out how it was made. I know how to make one exactly like it now. Just let me clap my eyes on anything of that sort for a few minutes and I'll reproduce it so that you never could tell the copy from the original."—New York Press.

The Human Heart.

The heart of man is a book—nay, it is an enclycopedia of everything that has ever come within the range of its personal experience. It preserves an eternal record of all the stories in which it has played a part. It is strange what sad things may be hidden in its depth without giving any token of their existence. The heart may be gay and may send the smile mantling to the face, but all the while you see only the topmost stratum. If the graves beneath were to give up their dead, the smiles would seem strangely out of place.

Steel Skyscrapers.

An architect of New York says that with the modern steel frame a building can be carried to a height equal to seven and one-half times the diameter of the base. By this rule on an ordinary city block could be erected a building 1,500 feet high, 500 feet higher than the Eiffel tower. It would have 125 stories and cost about $30,000,000.

A Pointer.

Briggs—How do you know Mrs. Dulcet is such a handsome woman? You say you never saw her.

Griggs—No, but you should hear how the other women talk about her.—Boston Transcript.

Somebody figures that there are 1,437 remedies for rheumatism. But it gets there just the same.—New York World.

VOLCANIC REGIONS.

The Five Active Groups of the Western Hemisphere.

The active volcanic groups of the western hemisphere occur in five widely separated regions:

First.—The Andean group of volcanoes of the equatorial region of western South America.

Second.—The chain of some twenty-five great cinder cones which stretch east and west across the south end of the Mexican plateau.

Third.—The Central American group, with its thirty-one active craters, extending diagonally across the western ends of the east and west folds of the Caribbean corrugations, fringing the Pacific side of Guatemala, San Salvador and Costa Rica. This is separated from the Mexican group on the north by a large nonvolcanic area, the isthmus of Tehuantepec, and on the south from the Andean volcanoes by the isthmus of Panama, where no active volcanoes are found.

Fourth.—The chain of volcanoes of the Windward islands, marking the eastern gate of the Caribbean sea, standing in a line directly across the eastern termini of the Caribbean mountains, trending east and west and parallel to the Central American group similarly situated at the western termini.

Fifth.—The volcanoes of Alaska and the Aleutian islands.—Professor Robert T. Hill in Century.

Circumlocution.

A young Yorkshire collier, anxious to pop the question to a girl whom he honestly admired, but not having the courage to ask her straight out, adopted a method of sounding her which romantic people will be inclined to think rather too practical.

"Jessie, my lass," he said nervously, "Ah've insured my life."

"Has ta, lad?" said the damsel indifferently.

"Aye, an' Ah'm thinkin' Ah'm a fool for doin' it."

"How's ta mak that art?"

"Why, supposin' Ah get killed in t' pit, where does ta think t' money'll go?"

"Why, to thy feyther, for sure."

"True enough, an' it ain't fair. It ought to be paid to my wife."

"To thy wife! Why, tha hasn't got one, Bill."

"That's just it," cried Bill in a burst of confidence. "Tha're a nice lass, Jessie, an' Ah want thee to have that money."

"Why couldn't ta say so at fust?" cried Jessie joyfully.

Then the happy couple embraced and trotted off to break the news to Jessie's mother.—Pearson's.

Went Him One Better.

A well known Glasgow divine related the following anecdote, showing that the ready wit of a countryman was more than a match for him:

He was going to the country for his holidays and was in a railway train when a young man entered. In a short time the two commenced a conversation, in the course of which the clergyman asked the youth what he worked at.

"I am a coupler, sir," was the reply.

"A coupler! So am I," replied the clergyman with a laugh.

The youth looked at him for a minute or so, then burst into a fit of laughter and said: "Oh, I see; ye'r a meenister. Ye marry folks. But I gang farther than ye dae. I baith couple and uncouple."

The clergyman laughed heartily and acknowledged that the youth had the better of the sally.

Man's Greatest Enemy.

"Fatigue is one of the greatest enemies of the human race," says a writer in Ainslee's. "Modern physiology shows that it is the cause of nearly half and perhaps more of the several hundred catalogued diseases that prey upon man. In our age, with its high pressure, its hot and bitter competition and the unrelenting struggle for survival, its moral and physical ravages are steadily increasing. Cities, in which an ever larger proportion of our people dwell, are biological hothouses and, for some, furnaces, forcing development prematurely and encouraging late hours and excitement and consuming nerve and brain."

Corrected His Error.

With the Germans the absentminded college professor is a stock source of witticisms.

One of these deeply absorbed gentlemen, sitting on a rear seat, thought he knew a person sitting in front and was about to speak to him when, the stranger by chance turning a little, the professor saw that he was mistaken.

Nevertheless, touching him on the shoulder, he remarked politely:

"You will excuse me, but you are not the person I thought you were."—Philadelphia North American.

Spiteful.

"Yes," said the engaged girl, "Dick is very methodical. He gives me one kiss when he comes and two when he goes away."

"That's always been his way," returned her dearest friend. "I've heard lots of girls comment on it."

Thus it happens that they cease to speak to each other.

Easy Diagnosis.

Mrs. Fondma—Sorry to disturb you at this hour, doctor, but we can't imagine what ails the child.

Doctor—Cold, perhaps. Did you have him out today?

Mrs. Fondma—Yes; but only to his grandmother's.

Doctor—Ah! Overfed; that's all.—Philadelphia Press.

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ORDINANCE.

AN ORDINANCE TO PROVIDE FOR THE LAYING OUT AND OPENING OF OLIVE STREET.

Whereas a petition in writing signed by the owners of lands situate within the Town of Bloomfield, in the County of Essex, which will be specially benefitted by the proposed improvements, to lay out and open a certain public road in the Town of Bloomfield, to be known by the name of Olive Street, as therein described, has been duly presented to the Town Council of Bloomfield at a stated meeting thereof; and

Whereas, the said petition having been by the said Town Council referred to the Board of Assessors (composed of Seymour Gilbert, Thomas Rawson, junior, and Lewis Cockefair, the last named having been appointed by the Town Council to act in the matter with said Board of Assessors in the place and stead of Henry P. Dodd, a regular member of said Board of Assessors, who, by reason of his being personally interested in the assessments made for this improvement, was ineligible under the law to act as a member of said Board of Assessors in this particular case), who were assisted by the Town Surveyor, not interested in said improvement, and appointed by the Town Council for that purpose; and the said Board of Assessors having made a report, accompanied by a map showing the real estate to be taken for the proposed improvement, and all the lots and parcels of land within the Town of Bloomfield, which in their judgment will be specially benefitted thereby; and the said Board of Assessors having appraised the value of the interest of each known owners of real estate to be taken for said improvement, and estimate of expenses likely in their judgment to attend the completion of the proposed improvement; and determined the probable net cost of the same, which probable net cost they have assessed upon the land to be specially benefitted in proportion to the benefit to be received; and

Whereas, the report of the said Board of Assessors made under their hands of the facts ascertained and of the appraisements, estimates, determination and assessments made by them concerning said improvement; and presented such report and their map to the Town Council, at a stated meeting thereof; and

Whereas, the Town Council has caused notice of the filing of said report and map to be printed and published in the Bloomfield Citizen, the official newspaper of the Town of Bloomfield; which said notice also contained a general description of the improvement intended, of the land to be taken, and of the land to be assessed therefore, and stating the time and place, when and where the Town Council would meet to hear and consider any objections to said report or to the improvement, which might be presented in writing. Notices to the same effect having also been posted and served as the law directs; and

Whereas, objections in writing to the said report and the proposed improvement were presented, at the time and place in said notices named, and the Council having considered and adjudicated upon such objections, the Town Council by an affirmative vote of at least two thirds of all the members of the Town Council resolved to alter, amend, adjust and increase some of the awards made by the said Board of Assessors; and the Town Council having determined to make said improvement notwithstanding the objections to the same; and having confirmed said awards as altered, amended, adjusted and increased; therefore

Be it ordained by the Council of the Town of Bloomfield, in the County of Essex, that a street or public highway, to be known under and by the name of Olive Street, in the Town of Bloomfield; said street to be fifty feet wide, and described as follows:

Beginning at a point in the westerly side of Hinrichs Place two hundred and fifty and four-tenths feet southerly from Myrtle Street; thence south seventy degrees thirty-one minutes west one hundred and eighty-two and twenty-five hundredths feet; thence south seventy-six degrees fifty-seven minutes west four hundred feet, more or less, to an angle; thence north seventy-five degrees eight minutes west fifty-six feet, more or less, to the East Orange city line; thence southeasterly, along the said East Orange line, one hundred and five feet, more or less, to the southerly side of the herein proposed street; thence north seventy-six degrees fifty-seven minutes east three hundred and seventy-eight feet, more or less, to an angle; thence north seventy degrees thirty-one minutes east one hundred and eighty-two and fifty-two hundredths feet to the westerly side of Hinrichs Place; thence along the westerly side of Hinrichs Place fifty feet to the place of beginning and ending there.

And that the said street or highway, as hereinbefore described, be and the same is hereby directed to be opened and graded to a proper grade for public use as a street of said town, under the supervision of the Board of Assessors of the Town of Bloomfield.

Ordinance adopted January 4, 1904.

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